

EMAIL Sent to Email list on 8-23-2024

Dear community member,

You are receiving this email because you signed up for project updates on the City of Willits Land Use Element webpage ([willitslanduseupdate.com](https://willitslanduseupdate.com)). This is a follow up to an email you received on July 25<sup>th</sup> notifying you of the availability of the Public Draft Land Use Element Update (LUE) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for review as well as a series of upcoming public meetings to be held with the City Council. Reminder that the next meeting to discuss the Public Draft LUE is scheduled for the Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The Council meeting will begin at 6:30 and will be located in the Council chambers at City Hall, 111 E. Commercial Street. Meeting materials are available at the Willits City Council Agenda Center <https://cityofwillits.org/agendacenter>. The matter has been agendized as a **discussion item only** and all input received will be considered for completing further revisions to the LUE.

**City of Willits General Plan Land Use Element Update is Available for Public Review.** The Draft City of Willits General Plan Land Use Element Update and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) are available for public review at <https://willitslanduseupdate.com>. A copy of both documents is also available at the City of Willits Community Development Department, 111 East Commercial Street, and the Willits Library, 390 E Commercial Street.

**Purpose of the General Plan Land Use Element Update.** The purpose of the draft City of Willits Land Use Element Update is to:

- update the General Plan Land Use Element, last approved in 1992, to add new land use policy intended to expand the land supply for housing of all types, provide for focused planning for Willits' commercial centers, provide for land use flexibility and compatibility, ensure community and environmental health and sustainability, and provide for regular ongoing general plan maintenance;
- make changes to Land Use Designations within the City to support residential and commercial development and open space purposes, as well as to apply Land Use Designations to property within Willits that best reflect the use and character of existing development within the City where the current Land Use Designation is not appropriate;
- propose expansions to the City's Sphere of Influence (SOI), with the application of appropriate City Land Use Designations, to support a potential Sphere of Influence Amendment application to the Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo).

**Upcoming Public Meetings.** The Willits City Council will be holding meetings regarding the Draft General Plan Land Use Element Update. The following are the current planned hearing dates. Meeting materials will be available the preceding Friday at the Willits City Council Agenda Center <https://cityofwillits.org/agendacenter>.

1. **Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup>** the City Council will hold a public hearing that is generally focused on the proposed amendments to Land use Element policy and the proposed expansion of the City SOI.
2. **Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>** the City Council will hold a public hearing that is generally focused on the proposed land use designation changes and receive input on the Draft EIR.
3. **Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** the City Council will hold a public hearing to certify the Final EIR and adopt the General Plan Land Use Element.

**How to Submit Comments.** If you would like to submit written comments regarding Draft General Plan Land Use Element or the Draft Environmental Impact Report, please email Dusty Duley, [dduley@cityofwillits.org](mailto:dduley@cityofwillits.org), or submit by mail or in person to the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California 95490. Please provide comments no later than 5:30 pm on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for the August 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. All public comments received will be provided to the Council and uploaded to the City's website in advance of the meeting.

Oral comments may be presented to the Willits City Council during the public meeting

Thank you for your attention and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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